





## Intimations.

## EYE-SIGHT.

## NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 139).

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eye—the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of diseases. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recovering headaches, spells of dizziness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together, any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

HONGKONG HOTEL,

(Room No. 139).

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [1871]

## Today's Advertisements.

## ELITE SKATING RINK,

DUDELL STREET.

AFTERNOON SESSION—from 5 to 7 P.M.  
PRICES:—Skates and Admission ..... 50 Cents.  
Admission ..... 25  
EVENING SESSION—from 8.30 to 12 P.M.  
PRICES:—Skates and Admission ..... \$1.00  
Admission ..... 50

On FRIDAY, the 18th instant, A TRICK BYCICLE COMPETITION will take place for a HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL. Intending Competitors can send in their Names to the Rink up to One o'clock on the 18th inst.

A GRAND MASQUERADE BALL will be held on BOXING NIGHT (SATURDAY), the 16th inst.

The BAND of the WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENTAL will be in attendance: Nightly.

SAM MARKS,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1895. [1796]

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1886]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINLI"

Captain Newcombe, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1952]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1955]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG"

Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1953]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA"

Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1954]

## ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY

OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

FOR SINGAPORE AND JAVA PORTS, VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"GERMANIA"

Captain Bendixen, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1947]

## FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NANYANG"

Captain Th. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1956]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"AGAMEMNON"

Captain Steves, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1877]

## Today's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held at the CITY HALL at NOON TO-MORROW, the 17th instant.

All those who are interested in the work carried on by the SOCIETY are invited to attend.

By Order,

F. H. MASTER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1916]

## NOTICE.

MR. ARNOLD FUCHS has THIS DAY been Authorized to SIGN our FIRM per Procuration.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1948]

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL AGENTS, with approval of the Consulting Committee will on the 2nd January, 1897, Issue INTEREST WARRANTS of \$5 per SHARE PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the Rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1949]

## BICYCLE BARGAIN.

SECOND-HAND DUNLOP BICYCLE,

with fitted DUNLOP TYRES, CARTER detachable GEAR-CASE, detachable GUARDS and BRAKE. Has a BELL, well furnished TOOL-BAG, is geared to 63, and is a grand English Machine in perfect running order.

Price, including a closed Wooden Travelling Case, \$50.

Write and make appointment.

G. H. SMITH,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1951]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "EAYERN"

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 31st instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1899]

## Intimations.

## DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp;

COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1900. [1427]

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions expressed.

## Intimations.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

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We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

January 15th September 1896.

## BIRTH.

On the 15th instant, at Nakayamada-dou, Kobe, the wife of A. R. COLLINS, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1896.

## THE TUNG WAH MUDDLE.

We are almost inclined to think that the meeting at the Tung Wah on Sunday last, was in the language of the street, a "put up job."

The Kaifong were absent because they got a hint from their leader to remain away, and so afford to the members of the Committee an excuse for not giving any definite answer to the Governor in reply to his address to them on their presentation to him after assuming office.

We think the Governor made a mistake in threatening them with pains and penalties if there was any opposition to his wishes. He meant, of course, to understand, senseless, factious opposition, leading to disturbances or threatened disturbances of the public tranquility. He fortunately did not say that, and he left it open to his hearers to understand that any expression of opinion in opposition to his views might lead to deportation. That is the only power he can exercise, and of course he must be taken to refer to that. The Chinese Directors of the Hospital and the subscribers have a perfect right to their opinions on the proposed changes in the Hospital, and to express them in moderate language, and to give effect to them if they like by resigning their positions or withdrawing their subscriptions and support. The Government can make certain rules for the management of the Hospital and require them to be obeyed, or in default, may close the Hospital and take all its endowments in money and lands. The Chinese may obey if they think fit, or they may also, if they think fit, refuse on the ground that the new regulations, however good in themselves, are not in accordance with the original agreements on which the Tung Wah was opened. That is the view we know the Registrar-General takes, but the only penalty, if they do refuse, is that they may lose their property in the Hospital. They cannot be deported or punished for their refusal. They are free men. If they have a choice, then they must be allowed full freedom of debate, and it is better that that debate should be in public meeting than in private assemblies. The Government had better convene a meeting of the Chinese, explain to them that there is and can be no punishment for free expression of opinion, and that the Governor's words were only applicable to seditious opposition. Let the able Chinese speakers among the Government servants, the missionaries, medical and otherwise, be invited to attend such a meeting and explain fully to the Chinese the Governor's views, and we are prepared to lay any wager in reason that the Chinese will cordially respond to the wishes of the Governor. There are no more reasonable people than the Chinese when their reason is appealed to. We congratulate Mr. FUKU WA-CHUN on his good sense and on his speech to the meeting. He would be a much more useful member of the Legislative Council than Mr. Wai Yuz; but then, of course, he would not be so obedient.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We desire to note two or three little matters in connection with the case heard yesterday at the Magistracy in which three members of the Fire Brigade were charged, on the complaint of the Superintendent, with absence from duty at a fire on the 8th instant in East Street. It, in the first place, affords a very curious and instructive illustration of the methods in which the hole-and-corner jurisdiction exercised by Heads of Departments over their immediate subordinates may be abused even by the best of men, and it gives point and effect to the objection taken a few days ago by Mr. WHITEHEAD and Mr. Wai Yuz to the granting of a peculiar jurisdiction to Mr. THOMSON over his officers and clerks in the Post Office and the Money Order office. If Mr. MAY, a man of standing, of ability, of sound common sense and good judgment, is betrayed into treating his subordinates as he treated these sturdy Scotch policemen in the pretended exercise of a jurisdiction he did not possess, what will be the result of entrusting powers of punishment, to be exercised wholly in private and without the usual safeguards of the administration of justice, to men with not a tenth of his judgment or experience? Mr. MAY, because he was a high Government officer and Captain Superintendent of Police and had in that capacity these men under him, attempted to exercise over them a power of reprimand and punishment that he did not possess and that the Ordinance expressly vests elsewhere as regards their duties as "firemen." When they questioned his right to exercise that power, he threatened them with the Magistracy and with a more severe punishment from him, and that he would use his power as Captain Superintendent of Police to remove them from the Fire Brigade. He thought a fine of a month's pay sufficient punishment for the absence from duty with which they were charged, but for the gross offence of respectfully questioning his authority, both parties well knowing he had none, they were to be turned out of the Fire Brigade at the loss to them of many months' pay, and to the very much greater loss to the Brigade and to the public of three first-class firemen.

It is useless for Mr. MAY to say he did not threaten. When a man intimates that he will, in certain eventualities, exercise powers he undoubtedly possesses, no matter how politely he may word it, or however delicately he may convey the hint, he threatens, and the greater the difference in social and official position between himself and the men he addresses, the more distinct the threat is and the more unmistakable. Now, if Mr. MAY had been sitting to try these men in an open Court, he would have dared to make use of such threats, if they had asked for an adjournment to consult counsel or if an appeal from his decision had been suggested? Imagine the Postmaster General sitting in secret with a trembling Portuguese clerk before him, blamed, perhaps, for something not really his fault, but some blunder of a superior! Such things do happen. He is reprimanded and ordered to pay a fine, and feeling the gross injustice of the punishment wants to appeal to the Governor. With what sarcastic gravity would not the Postmaster-General accord him the required permission, with a polite intimation that if his appeal was unsuccessful—an appeal given him by law—he, Mr. THOMSON, would recommend his removal altogether from the Government Service. Such things are going on every day in the Gaol with prisoners and warders, and in the Police, in the Army and Navy, and wherever there is this power and jurisdiction to be exercised out of the light of day and beyond the reach of public opinion. There is only one man in a thousand fit to be entrusted with it, and that one man is himself corrupted and spoiled and turned into a tyrant by having to exercise this authority. It is a little more trouble and takes a little more time to bring a case before a Police Magistrate than to deal with it in an Ordinary Room or office. But that is not the real objection to it; it is that in the open Court both sides of the question must be heard. In the Army and Navy there are special reasons for the special powers given. In the Gaol, in the Police, in the Fire Brigade there is no such necessity. All offences requiring more than a day's bread and water or a fine of a dollar should be heard before a responsible officer, and be heard in public.

The next point to which we want to call attention is the absence of the Superintendent from the fire of the 8th inst. It is clear he had no power to absent himself, or give himself leave. Only the Governor could do that. The Governor cannot give himself leave of absence from the Colony. He must get it from the Secretary of State. If the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade is employed on duty elsewhere it is another thing. Neither is it, under the Ordinance, in the power of the Governor to sanction any division of labour between the Superintendent and his assistant, as was suggested in this case, except by a formal order in Council. The law requires the presence of the Superintendent, and the Governor possesses no dispensing power. He may make such a rule if he thinks fit, and he probably has been pressed to make it already; but our point, should such a rule be made, is this: A fire, no matter how small in its commencement, may become, like the great fire of 1878, a very great and a very serious matter in a very short time. If anywhere prompt and vigorous action is required, it is at the first outbreak of a fire. The head fireman is the man supposed to possess the knowledge, the experience, the authority to act. If there are two men of co-equal or nearly co-equal authority and position at the head of the Fire Brigade, they may go on duty

alternately, if the law provides, but there is a very big difference between Mr. MAY and his present Deputy Superintendent, Mr. COCHRAN, who is a very good man, but he is not in a position to assume the same responsibilities that Mr. MAY could. The Superintendent and his deputy are both needed at fires. A fire has more than two sides. There may be three or more fields of operation against one fire, and three, or more authoritative officers may be almost indispensable if the work is to be properly done. The presence of the Superintendent at the earliest possible moment may be of the utmost importance, and his presence later, when sent for, may be quite useless, as being too late. We admit the force of Mr. MAY's argument that the two senior officers of the Police should not both be away from the Police headquarters at the same time, but the remedy for that is to appoint some one else to the Fire Brigade who is not so intimately connected with the Police either as Superintendent or Deputy, and not to weaken the Fire Brigade in its most important element, of command and responsibility. Will our Rulers kindly think of this and select fitting men for these posts and not appoint to these posts men who have other duties to perform for the mere purpose of giving them the emoluments attaching thereto?

Our third point is this, and we hope the public will take note of it. A little healthy publicity is a very good thing in the social and moral world. It is the equivalent of ventilation in the physical world, and of light. A little more publicity in the management of the affairs of the public departments would be a very good thing. If the Executive were compelled to carry on their work in the open air, and publish their despatches and memoranda, there would be no need for any reformation or alteration of the Government. All the little tricks of office we hear of daily, all the little meannesses of official life, would vanish. Don't be severe, therefore, in your judgment of those honest Scots who have caused a little light to be thrown on the working of the Fire Brigade and the Police. If it concerned any one else than Mr. MAY we should expect very shortly to hear that for some reason or other Mr. MAY had been found quite unfit for the police and had been sent adrift without pay or pension. Such things have happened before. The Captain Superintendent of Police is too just and too fair for any such consequences to follow. Neither need he take to heart the little rebuff he has suffered. He is a good man and true, but has a bit of a temper like the rest of us, and he will be a Colonial Secretary and a Colonial Governor long before many of his seniors. He has a splendid body of men under him, but discipline need not be quite so much of the marlinet order. The good will and cordial co-operation of the men is wanted more frequently than their blind obedience, and if that is true of the Police it is still more strikingly true of the Fire Brigade, where without the zeal and readiness that springs from good will and hearty sympathy with an officer very little will ever be accomplished. Duty binds and drives. Firemen must be drawn and led.

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S MESSAGE.

## TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, December 14th.

The *Vladivostok*, in an article on the Armenian Question, which has been much commented upon, says that if the Powers decide on an active policy, Russia must obtain the sole mission of executing the work to protect the Christians in Turkey.

The *Times* affirms that any intervention for the coercion of Turkey must be international and confer no exclusive advantage on any one Power.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin*.)

## THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

PARIS, December 8th.

In his Message President Cleveland said that it was possible that the United States would have to fix a limit for Spain to terminate the war in Cuba.

## THE FRENCH NAVY.

PARIS, December 9th.

Admiral Besnard is preparing the programme for the construction of the new warships.

## THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

PARIS, December 10th.

Thirty-seven persons died from plague in Bombay yesterday. The epidemic is spreading.

## THE PHILIPPINES.

PARIS, December 10th.

General Polavieja has been appointed Governor of the Philippines.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes is about to visit England.

Philharmonic Society's concert to-morrow.

The share register of Panjion Company will be kept open till Monday, 21st inst.

Mr. ARNOLD FUCHS has been authorized to sign the firm of Siemssen & Co. *per pro*.

ANNUAL general meeting of the Benevolent Society in the City Hall at noon to-morrow.

A MEETING of shareholders in Dakin, Cruickshank & Co. will be held in the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-morrow.







## Intimations.

## CHOICE SELECTION OF SWEETS.

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## CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

A Large Variety in FANVOY BOXES, at Popular Prices.

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need lime for the teeth. All children need lime for a healthy formation of the growing bones. Curvature of the spine, bow legs, and soft bones do not have enough lime. When children are thin they need material for making flesh.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1932]

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## WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS AND OPTICIANS.

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AN IMMENSE STOCK OF DIAMONDS and HIGH-CLASS DIAMOND JEWELLERY, GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, CLOCKS of every description, SILVERWARE, MOROCCO GLASSES, MUSICAL BOXES, OPERA GLASSES, MUSICAL ALBUMS, MEER-SCHRAUM PIPES, CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS, ELABORATE WALL & TOILET LOOKING GLASSES, PINAIDS PERFORMANCES and FANCY GOODS in Great Variety.

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## SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

H. RUTTONJEE,  
15, D'Almeida Street,  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1942]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO." Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1937]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.  
THE Company's Steamship

"YAMAGUCHI MARU." Captain Allen, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised, and will be followed by the

"KAGOSHIMA MARU." Captain Trent, to sail hence on 2nd January, 1897.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1939]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENGLYLE." Captain McGillivray, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [1896]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
THE Company's Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU." Captain J. Carnow, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [1905]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.  
(Calling at TUTUCORIN on the homeward voyage.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU." Captain C. Anderson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th December, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1896]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APAR." Captain K. H. Sundberg, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1914]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"AGAMEMNON." Captain Stevens, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1897]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE." Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [1902]

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"GUTHRIE." Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is lighted throughout with the Electric Light.

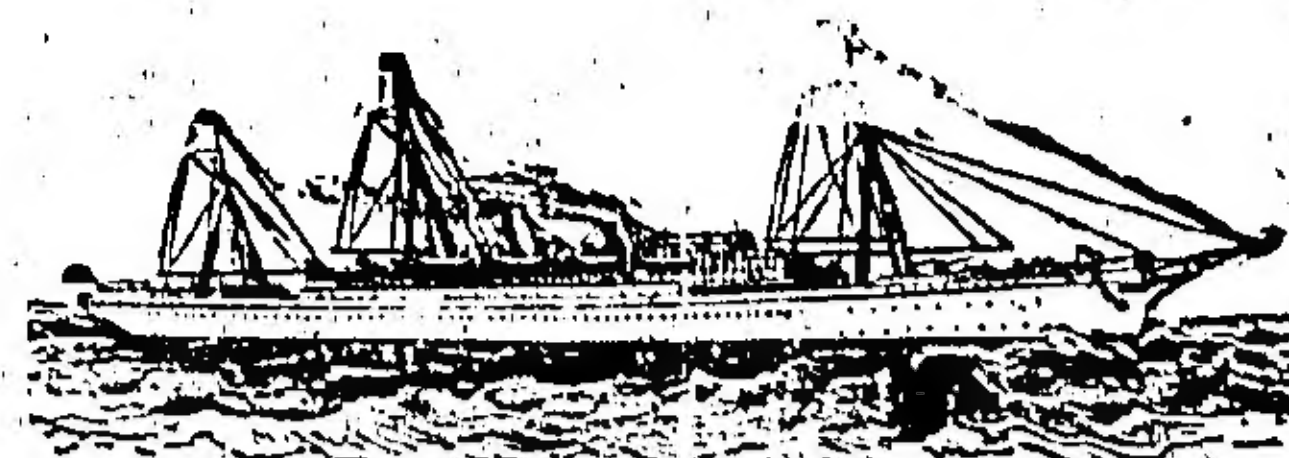
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For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1896]

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaika (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 19th Dec., at Noon.

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.

Bulge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1896. [1896]

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [1896]

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 19th Dec., at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Thursday, 7th Jan., at Noon, 1897.

City of San Francisco (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 16th Jan., at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 19th December, 1896, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and inland cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; values of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896. [1896]

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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"ROHILLA." Captain F. N. Cole, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 17th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. Oriental leaving that Port for London direct on the 9th January, 1897.

Silk and Valuable all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1896. [1896]

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Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria ... 3.167 ... Tuesday ... Dec. 29.

Olympia ... 2.6-8 ... Tuesday ... Jan. 19.

Brannan ... 3.601 ... Tuesday ... Feb. 9.

Tacoma ... 2.549 ... Tuesday ... Mar. 2.

THE Steamship

"VICTORIA." Captain Alex. Gove, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P